

## NEW OFFICERS TO GO UP FOR EXAMS

Highland Springs Militia Company Now Ready for Muster at Hands of Colonel Stern.

## MILITIA ON HIGH PLANE

Four of the Five Companies Ordered by War Department Now Fully Organized.

Officers of the newly organized infantry company at Highland Springs have been notified by Adjutant-General W. W. Sale to appear before the State Board of Examiners Friday afternoon in order to qualify before the new outfit is accepted. Colonel Jo Lane Stern, assistant inspector-general, Virginia Volunteers, will muster the company into the service of the State on Saturday night. Among those who will attend the muster are General Sale, Colonel Charles A. Dempsey, U. S. A., retired, Captain Shipp, U. S. A., and a number of State officers.

The Highland Springs company is the fourth of the five infantry companies ordered formed in Virginia by the War Department. The other is now being organized and is about ready to be mustered in. The State will then have forty companies of infantry, divided into three full regiments of twelve companies each, and the Richmond Light Infantry Division of four companies, together with three battalions of field artillery, four regimental bands, field hospital corps and a signal corps. Cavalry is the only branch of the service that is lacking.

**Has More Men Than Required.** There are sixty-two enlisted men, four more than required, and three officers in the Highland Springs company. It will be known officially as Company 11, Fourth Virginia Infantry, and will be under Colonel E. H. Goodwyn. Its officers are Captain Fred Holden, First Lieutenant J. W. Lloyd and Second Lieutenant Wallace Fox. All have had previous experience. Captain Holden was at West Point two years. He served as a second lieutenant during the Spanish-American War, and was afterwards in the regular army. Lieutenant Lloyd and Lieutenant Fox are both graduates of military schools, and the latter was formerly a member of the Fourth Virginia Regiment.

Colonel Dempsey went to Highland Springs last week and inspected the town hall, which will be used as a temporary armory. He found it large enough for close order drills, while there are several near-by fields that can easily be utilized for open order work. There is an excellent location for a rifle range, and with a slight ex-

## Sees No Indication of Change in Weather

Washington, December 14.—No indications of a cold wave to cross this country this week can be seen at present, the Weather Bureau said to-night in its weekly forecast. Continuation of temperatures near or above the seasonal average is predicted, with precipitation generally light and local over most of the country.

"The next disturbance of importance to cross the country," the bulletin said, "will appear in the far West on Monday or Tuesday, and pass thence along the northern border to the St. Lawrence Valley by Thursday, attended by rains and snows in the Northern States."

"Another disturbance will develop over the Western plateau on Thursday or Friday, and prevail over the Middle West at the close of the week. This disturbance in all probability will be attended by general precipitation, and be followed by decidedly colder weather, which will appear in the Northwest at the close of the week."

penditure it can be put into first-class shape.

## Will Drill on Mondays

Weekly drills will be held by the new company on Monday nights instead of on Friday nights, as had been planned. It was found that the drill had been engaged on the latter night for monthly lodge meetings, and it was thought best not to have any interruption in the routine once it was established.

General Sale and other militia officers are highly gratified by the condition of the Virginia Volunteers. When the order from the War Department calling for the five extra companies was received, it was considered a difficult task to comply with it, but immediately word was received from various parts of the State that recruiting was being done, and four full companies have resulted. In addition to the infantry, the field hospital corps and signal corps will put the brigade on a high footing. There are now nearly 2,500 men on the active list.

Uniforms and other equipment will be issued at once to the new companies by the Adjutant-General. The Highland Springs company will be fully armed before January 1, and will be ready for active service whenever called upon.

## GOOD SCOTCHMEN TOGETHER

McReynolds and Carnegie Agree on This After Conference.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Washington, December 14.—Attorney-General McReynolds is a good Scotchman and Andrew Carnegie is another. They mutually agreed upon this point yesterday after a brief conference.

"No trust legislation, nor political administration policies were mentioned in my visit to the Attorney-General," said the laird of Skibo. "He's a good Scotchman, that's why I wanted to call on him."

## SUGGESTION OPEN TO NO SUSPICION

Attitude of United States on "Naval Holiday" Favorably Received in Germany.

## PROPOSAL TO ALL NATIONS

American Initiative at This Juncture Would Have Many Advantages.

Berlin, December 14.—The large majority by which the "naval holiday" resolution passed the American House of Representatives has attracted interest and favorable comment from peace lovers in Germany, and the attitude of the United States on the proposal that international naval construction be discontinued for one year, is regarded as of possible far-reaching influence.

The question just now is at a standstill, so far as Great Britain and Germany are concerned, and American initiative at this juncture would have many advantages in the opinion of certain German naval officers. Unlike the proposals to this end put forward by Great Britain, the suggestion from a neutral nation to discontinue building battleships for twelve months would be open to no suspicion of hostile intent. Addressed to all nations, it would avoid one of the main objections to the British plan, which is that neither Great Britain and Germany, nor any other two nations can afford to stop building battleships, if other countries continue their naval program.

## Need Contain No "Jokers."

It need contain no "jokers" such as the exception allowing England to build battleships for Mediterranean service, and to accept three Canadian battleships or their equivalent, while other nations were observing the naval truce. The American proposal, if made, it is pointed out, should be so cleverly worded as to leave no room for evasion by diverting funds saved on battleships to the construction of cruisers, torpedo boats, submarines or airships, or by providing for accelerated construction in following years.

There naturally is little or no sympathy at the admiralty for the idea, but in government circles outside the admiralty, such a proposal might not be altogether unwelcome. The Treasury Department, forced to devise schemes for new taxation, and the majority of the Reichstag, faced with the unpopular task of voting them, are against any increase in naval expenditure.

## WILL SOON LOWER EXPRESS CHARGES

New Rate Tariffs Are Now Being Prepared to Become Effective on February 1.

## WILL USE BLOCK SYSTEM

New Schedule Lower in Many Instances Than Rate Charged for Parcel Post.

Express companies are now preparing the new rate tariffs under the block system, which, by the ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission, will go into effect on February 1. The companies are required to file the new schedules with the commission not later than January 19. They were ordered to put the new rates into effect on October 15, but were granted two extensions of time.

The block system is modeled on the zone principle, which has been successfully adopted by the parcel post. Packages may be shipped for a certain rate to any city within an outlined block, the price to vary with the weight of the parcel. Another rate will be specified in another outlined block. In this manner, packages will be transported at less charges than formerly, and in many cases the express charges will be less than the present parcel post rates, although the new schedule adopted by the Post-Office Department, effective January 1, 1914, will again leave the express companies far in the rear.

It is expected that the new ruling of the commission will reduce express rates from 12 to 15 per cent, according to rate of express, and will decrease the different classes and rate points from several million to about 500,000. The new system was decided upon by the commission, but the amount of work required to prepare the new tariffs caused the extensions to be granted.

## Some Idea as to Reductions.

The following list shows a comparison between the present express and parcel post charges and the new express rate, effective February 1, and the new parcel post rate, effective January 1:

Five-pound parcel between Richmond and New York in the third zone:  
Parcel post charge ..... 27  
Express charge ..... 45  
New parcel post ..... 14  
New express charge ..... 36

Ten pounds:  
Parcel post charge ..... 52  
Express charge ..... 65  
New parcel post charge ..... 32  
New express charge ..... 32

Shipments to Chicago, in the fourth parcel post zone, will, in some instances, be cheaper by express. Following are some of the proposed figures:

Five-pound package:  
Parcel post charges ..... 37  
Express charges ..... 65  
New parcel post charges ..... 32  
New express charges ..... 32

Ten-pound package:  
Parcel post charges ..... 72  
Express charges ..... 80  
New parcel post charges ..... 62  
New express charges ..... 44

## Many Hear Dr. Levy.

Many members of the Young Men's Hebrew Association last night heard an interesting address by Dr. E. C. Levy, chief health officer, on "Our Duty Towards Our Health," which was delivered at the association's quarters, at 412 North Eighth Street.

## DISCOVERS SITE OF FIRST FOUNDRY

La Prade Locates Beginning of American Iron Industry at Falling Creek.

## STOPPED BY MASSACRE

A. P. V. A. to Place Commemorative Tablet on Site of Earliest Mine.

On the identical spot where the first iron foundry in America was established in 1619, the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities will erect a granite marker. This action was determined upon recently, and Captain Waverly W. La Prade, county engineer of Chesterfield, who was employed by a special committee to locate the site, has prepared his report, which will be submitted at the January meeting of the association.

The foundry, it has been determined by Captain La Prade, was located on the south bank of Falling Creek, directly opposite the last of its falls, and about half a mile from the James River. Specimens of smelted ore have been unearthed at this spot. Other indications show unmistakably that it is the exact location of the pioneer Colonial industry.

From historical data in the possession of the association, it is found that the foundry was established in 1619 under the regime of Governor Yeardley, who was sent to Virginia that year by the London Company, which controlled the entire land through a grant from King James I. of England. Its operation was energetically carried on for three years, when the entire force of workers and their families were put to death in the massacre of 1622.

**Site Found Last Week.** Major T. M. Wortham is chairman of the special committee appointed to find the historic site, and it was through him that Captain La Prade was interested in the search. With a force of workmen, Captain La Prade, after interviewing the old Chesterfield families, set to work to locate the spot, and his efforts were rewarded last week.

The first important discovery made by the searchers was the finding of an old charcoal mound. It was found 200 yards east of the Petersburg Turnpike, and nearly half a mile from the river. The mound was thirty feet in diameter. It is beneath six inches of soil, and is covered by a thick growth of aged gum. Further search down the creek brought to light a large mass of smelted ore buried deep in the earth. When broken, it was heavily streaked with charcoal and other refuse, showing unmistakably its character. On this same spot, in recent years bricks of excellent design and construction have been found and are now preserved. They



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are supposed to have formed part of the surrounding country for further traces of the Colonial miners. Specimens of ore were found as far as two miles west of the creek. There is a small strata exposed in gullies and branches. Numerous pits, twenty or more feet in diameter and from five to six feet deep, from which the ore had been mined, were found covered by a thin layer of soil.

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A legend in Chesterfield says that a young child, a girl, escaped death at Falling Creek and, after weeks of hardship in the forests, was rescued by a relief party sent out by Governor Yeardley to search for survivors of the massacre.

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